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SUBJECT: NSF/SFCP. QEE EQUIPMENT
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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO ADDRESSEE:

QUOTE PROFESSOR DR. MILAN OSREDKAR, CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF S. R. SLOVENIA, LJUBLJANA

MY DEAR PROFESSOR OSREDKAR:

ON MARCH 20, 1976, A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF), BONNEVILLE POWER ADMIN-
ISTRATION (BPA) AND THE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF SLOVENIA
WAS SIGNED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR DECISIONS OF
MARCH 19, 1975, AND FEBRUARY 9, 1976, CONCERNING THE
EQUIPMENT OF THE TERMINATED QEE RESEARCH PROJECT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT DURING DR. CHARLES ZALAR'S VISIT TO
LJUBLJANA, JUNE 28, 1976, YOU KINDLY PROMISED TO RESOLVE
THE REMAINING PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE EXPORT OF THE
QEE EQUIPMENT. SINCE THEN, NEITHER NSF NOR BPA HAS
RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION ON THE STATUS OF THIS MATTER.

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BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN EXPORTING THE EQUIPMENT, NEW

US-YUGOSLAV COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES ARE AT A

STANDSTILL. AS YOU KNOW, FUNDS RECOVERABLE FROM THE QEE PROJECT CANNOT BE USED FOR FINANCING THE CONTINUATION OF US-YUGOSLAV SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION UNTIL THE QEE EQUIPMENT IS SHIPPED AND ASSOCIATED FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE JOINT FUND.

I AM SURE THAT YOU SHARE WITH ME THE OPINION THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE SETTLED AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE TO ASSURE A CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU WOULD USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES FOR A PROMPT SOLUTION OF THESE REMAINING DIFFICULTIES.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, AND WITH BEST WISHES.
DR. BODO BARTOCHA, DIRECTOR, INT/NATSCIFOUN. UNQUOTE.

2. TRANSMIT THE COPY OF TELEGRAM TO:
DR. EDO PIRKMAJER, SECRETARY GENERAL
RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF SLOVENIA
JADRANSKA 19 A, LJUBLJANA.

3. CONCUR THAT ROOT LETTER TO MINISTER JAKOVLEVSKI BE HELD UNTIL OTHER OFFICIALS RETURN FROM VACATION, WITH EVENTUAL DELIVERY CONDITIONAL UPON EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF PROBABILITY OF FAVORABLE PROMPT ACTION AT LOWER LEVELS. HOWEVER, REQUEST ABOVE LETTER TO OSREDKAR BE DELIVERED WITHOUT DELAY. KISSINGER

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